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County leaders have 'failed'

■ *Snowdon reeve to step down over lack of restructuring progress*

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Frustrated by the lack of progress the county has made toward restructuring, Snowdon Reeve George Simmons has announced he will not run for re-election in the fall.

Political leaders in the Highlands have "failed" taxpayers by not streamlining the county's government system through amalgamations, Simmons said on Sunday.

"It's just like a boat going over Niagara Falls, and I want to get out," he told the audience at the annual general meeting of the Canning Lake Property Owners' Association. "... I thought the decision for restructuring was going to be this year. I can't believe we're going to go into

another term with 10 municipalities and a county (council)."

At the same meeting, Snowdon councillor Ross Rigney, a member of the property owners' association, announced he will run for reeve in the November 10 municipal election.

The provincial government has made it clear it wants to see Ontario's 830 municipalities reduced by more than half to 300, said Simmons.

But after years of discussion and a number of studies on various restructuring models, Haliburton County's government structure remains unchanged.

With six reeves at the council table who have served as county

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Minden OPP plans for October move

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The Minden detachment of the OPP plans to move across the street to its new office at the Ministry of Natural Resources building this fall, says a police official.

Once the move is complete, administrative operations for the detachment, along with the Coboconk OPP office, will return to Haliburton County.

"The OPP have made a commitment to move the administrative centre back to Minden (from Coboconk)," Sergeant Art Goard told Canning Lake property owners at their annual general

meeting Sunday. "We're hoping to have renovations done to the MNR building by October."

The 19 officers working out of the existing OPP office on Highway 35 will be joined by three administrative workers at the new location.

In other news, Sgt. Goard said the OPP's regional office is working to bring more officers to the depleted detachment.

Currently, Minden is understrength by about 10 to 12 per cent, he said.

The provincial government has said it will hire 450 new OPP officers over the next two years.

While some of the new recruits will replace officers who retire, some new positions will also be created.

The OPP's regional office has said the combined detachment of Minden/Coboconk will be the first office in its area to get new officers, said Sgt. Goard.



Crystal Dugan, foreground, and other competitors revive the Canada Day tradition of sack races in West Guilford. For more photos of the annual celebration, please see page 13

Highland Games hit town Saturday

Heavy events draw some of the world's brawny best competitors

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

Expect the greenery of Head Lake to turn a brighter shade of tartan as Haliburton continues the tradition of its Highland Games on July 12.

Bursting with a full day of scheduled events, the main attraction will be the heavy events competition featuring Big

Mac himself, Harry MacDonald, 28, the heavy events Canadian champion from London, Ontario.

Capturing interest at home and abroad, MacDonald's latest feats graced the front page of the Scottish Banner, a publication out of Scotland.

The six-foot, 330-pound powerhouse was recently invited by Australia's own strongman, Joe

Quigley, to compete in a strongman competition at the Highland Games in the land of Oz.

One of the events involved using a rope to pull a replica of The Bounty, a tall ship in Sydney Harbour, for 25 metres. He successfully beat 10 other competitors by pulling the 387 tonne ship in only 96 seconds —

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Fine Arts teacher receives Order of Canada

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News about people and events in Haliburton County

familiar with her work, and her smile, applaud this latest, and prestigious, recognition of her commitment to art and fine crafts in Canada.

If you happened to be in town on Friday afternoon, you may have been lucky enough to glance at a curious sight wafting across the waters of Head Lake. Built upon a 37-foot governor's canoe is the beginnings of what will be The Three Horned Enemy, a character in R. Murray Schafer's musical theatre performance The Princess of the Stars. Keep your eyes peeled for next week's edition of the Echo to learn more about the creature and where you can see it in September.

Peacocks roaming around a historic farmhouse, Christmas in July, gardens in full bloom and architecturally unique homes... These scenes await you on the Minden Home and Garden Tour on Saturday July 12. From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., you can

tour eight charming homes and beautiful gardens in the Haliburton Highlands while you discover some of the best kept secrets on our back roads. The ticket/map costs \$10 per person, with all proceeds going to the Minden Hospital Building Fund. You can pick up tickets at the Hwy 35 office of the Chamber of Commerce or call them at 286-1760.

When a one-year-old moose broke through a fence at Eagle Lake Farms and made itself comfortable in the goatyard, owners Angela Reed and Lorrie Metcalfe went through the trouble of herding the animal back into the woods only to have it return the next day.

They herded the animal out again hoping it would adapt to the woods, but all the traffic during the Canada Day long weekend took its toll on the young stray. Reed said the moose was struck on the Saturday night of the holiday weekend just a few miles from the farm on County Road

14. "On long weekends, the amount of roadkill is phenomenal," she said.

When the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Victoria-Haliburton held their Bowl for Kids Sake, the goal was to raise \$25,000. Thanks to the overwhelming support of participants and sponsors, a total of \$38,848 was raised to help the agency provide the opportunity for young boys and girls develop a friendship with an adult or couple. Some of the local businesses helping with the event were the County Bowling Centre in Minden, Wigamog Inn, The Haliburton County Echo, Minden Times, Carole Bullen of Avon in Minden, Highland Cinema in Kinmount, and Minden Jug City. Last year, the local agency more than quadrupled its number of matches; however, the need is still great. There are 38 boys looking for a Big Brother and 12 girls looking for a Big Sister. If you'd like more information about how you can become involved with the agency, please call Diane Austin at 705-324-6800.



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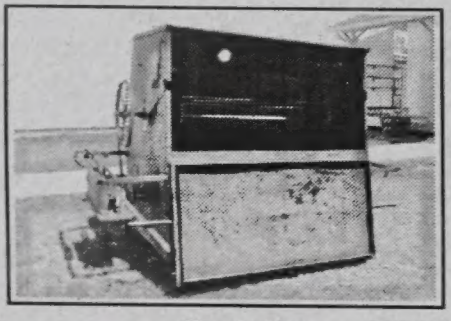
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Teen hits golden notes with big brass instrument

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Report

Ian MacKenzie reached for the brass buttons at the Kiwanis Music Festival's provincial competition and struck gold.

The soon-to-be 18-year-old tubist from Minden competed against other musicians at a run-off class in Peterborough before he could join with the cream of Ontario's musical crop at the provincial competition held by the Ontario Music Festivals Association at Lakefield College School.

MacKenzie blew 20 minutes worth of melodic bass notes when he recited two pieces by memory; only one piece was played solo while the other was accompanied by his pianist, and music teacher, Melissa Stephens, who made an audio recording of her accompaniment for her student to practise their duet with.

"It's not as nice as playing with a live person but it helps with memorization and learning piano entries," MacKenzie said.

These pieces aren't for the novice musician. Just two weeks prior to the provincial competition, MacKenzie took his Grade 9 Royal Conservatory of Music exam playing pieces that were required from the conservatory's syllabus.

Playing these same pieces at the province-wide competition, this aspiring professional per-

former scored top marks competing against a fellow tubist and a trumpeter, and was awarded a certificate, a medallion and \$125 for his efforts.

He's come a long way since he sat on his mother's lap to play the pump organ; Carole MacKenzie worked the pedals while he tickled the ivory. Formal piano lessons with Stephens began when he was six years old when the family bought a piano.

But the fateful transition to brass came when his older brother Keith, a trombonist, needed a French horn and a tuba player. The younger MacKenzie chose the former, but after a couple of weeks switched to the tuba.

Music flows not only through several members of the MacKenzie family, but also through generations.

"A lot of it came from my great-grandfather who was musical; he played string bass, flute and learned piano when he was 86. And he also sings," said MacKenzie who also sings for the Messiah choir in Haliburton.

Fresh out of Grade 12, MacKenzie will spend his summer as a staff member for the National Music Camp in Orillia where he's been a camper for five years.

"I'll be helping campers by sitting with them in (group) sections and group rehearsals teaching them technique," he said. In



SCORING HIGH NOTES:

Tubist Ian MacKenzie blew the competition away during the Kiwanis Music and Dance Festival's provincial championships held in Lakefield.

the evening, he'll be performing with professional musicians during concerts that are given for the campers by staff and faculty.

And if this gig isn't appealing enough, his down time will be spent doing, among other things, windsurfing.

MacKenzie begins his OAC year at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in September after which he hopes to attend the University of Toronto to study music. A stint at the Toronto Symphony Orchestra puts a gleam in his eyes as does

the thought of performing in a professional brass quartet like the Canadian Brass.

"They make a whole lot of money," he laughed, "and Chuck (Daellenbach) has some very nice tubas."

There are a range of tubas from a beginning horn in the key of B flat, an E flat tuba that's good for solos and has a better sound, and an orchestra tuba tuned to the key of C which MacKenzie himself plays.

"It's a good all around tuba and it can be used for orchestras and

quintets," he said.

If being on the road is in the cards for MacKenzie, he's preparing for that too — he drives down to Toronto every three weeks for a lesson with his tuba instructor Mark Tetreault who is also a musician with the TSO. And he ventures into Barrie every Sunday night when he performs with the Huronia Symphony Orchestra.

Besides putting more than a few miles on the odometre, this kind of dedication to the craft is bound to take him along way.

Teachers up to challenges of new curriculum: Board

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Elementary school students and their teachers should adapt painlessly to a new "more rigorous" curriculum in September, predict Haliburton County board officials.

The Ministry of Education recently announced new guidelines detailing what students are to be taught in Grades 1 through 8, setting more demanding standards in reading, writing and arithmetic.

Under the new curriculum, students will be required to learn certain math and language concepts up to two years earlier than they have under the present system.

Though they didn't necessarily oppose the changes, many educators across the province

worried the government had given them too little time — less than three months — to adequately prepare for teaching the new curriculum.

But Haliburton's superintendent of education foresees little difficulty with implementing the changes.

"Having read (the new curriculum), I am not anxious at all," Dale Robinson told trustees at a recent meeting. "... I think we're well-equipped to deal with it."

The new curriculum will carry on with some of the same basic principles of the Common Curriculum, which it will replace.

Under the Common Curriculum, students were expected to reach certain learning outcomes by Grades 3, 6 and 9.

The new curriculum is also based on meeting predetermined outcomes. However, they are much more specific, setting out what students are to learn by the end of each grade.

Robinson speculated that teachers would approve of the change since they have been calling for more clearcut guidelines.

"I look at it positively," he said. "I think there will be some adjustments, but I think our teachers will be able to handle them."

Board director Brad Saunders also applauded the move to detailed expectation levels for each elementary grade.

He said the new curriculum should also put an end to any doubts that the board is heading in the right direction by investing further in computers for ele-

mentary classrooms.

The province clearly expects that students in all grades are to have access to computers, said Saunders.

Robinson said the switch to the new curriculum should be seamless for students.

"I don't think the students are going to be anxious at all or stressed about moving into this curriculum. I think they'll do it quite naturally."

The new elementary curriculum goes hand in hand with reforms the province is planning for secondary education.

Originally scheduled to take effect in September 1998, the reforms — which will cut one year from Ontario's five-year high school program — have been postponed until September 1999.

The students who enter Grade

7 in September will be the first to enter the abbreviated high school program.

Dropping a year from secondary school has a trickle-down effect, making it necessary for elementary students to learn various tasks at an earlier stage.

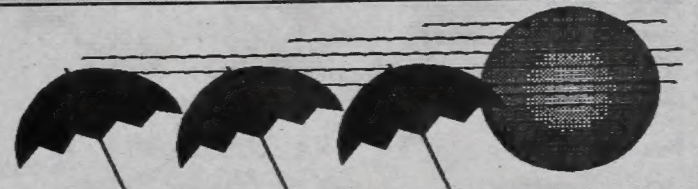
"This (new curriculum) will be the first step ... to prepare the students for a four-year high school diploma," said Robinson.

Haliburton County teachers got their first taste of the curriculum last week when Robinson introduced it to them before the beginning of the summer break.

A selection of administrators and teachers from each board across the province are also expected to attend information sessions run by the Ministry of Education over the summer.

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BIG MAC: Canadian champion Harry MacDonald takes part in one of the heavy events during an earlier Highland Games in Haliburton. MacDonald is one of the top competitors who will take part in this Saturday's games at Head Lake park.

Dancers, musicians entertain crowds at Head Lake

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64 seconds faster than a record set the previous by local Aussie strongman David Huxley. And MacDonald's impressive performance might earn him a spot in the Guinness Book of Records.

He told the Scottish Banner he would like to visit Nova Scotia, his father's neck of the woods, for the opportunity to pull the Bluenose for charity.

Strongman events are a different kind of animal compared to the heavy events at Highland Games, which require explosive bursts of power over endurance. Once in Haliburton, MacDonald

and his competitors, including friend and fellow strongman Bill Knox, will be concentrating on the traditional heavy events including Toss the Caber and Shot Put.

The Highland Games have enjoyed more visibility since moving from Glebe Park to the centre stage at Head Lake.

"It's a win-win situation," said Ken Cleeland



CABER CAPERS: Strongman Bill Knox, who will participate in this weekend's games, and Harry MacDonald prepare to take part in the caber toss.

who is on the Haliburton Highland Games Committee. "It's visible and drivers passing on Highway 121 will see a large crowd and be attracted like a crow to roadkill."

Events begin at 9 a.m. with competition dancing, and would-be strongmen can get tips on how to toss a caber. A mass bands parade made up of nine pipe bands will march into the park at 11 a.m. followed by opening ceremonies at 11:30 a.m.

Some of the featured events throughout the day include performances by the Haliburton Highland Dancers and the Haliburton Highlands Scottish Country Dancers along with live musical entertainment from

Maggie and Duncan Keppie and Kidd Country. There is also a children's program for the younger spectators.

But the Highland Games aren't strictly a spectator sport. Test your strength at arm wrestling or try your luck at horseshoes and Scottish mini putt.

Leisurely pursuits can be found at the beer tent, souvenir tents and at Clan Alley where locals Scotsmen and women can check their genealogy.

There's a full day of events to look forward to so pack a few lawn chairs. Admission to the grounds is \$8 for adults, \$5 for youth 12 to 18 and free for children under 12.

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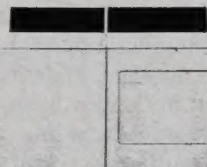
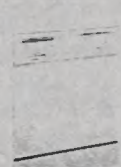
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Opening doors to employment

■ Program helps young people find way into job market

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

Proving the adage that when one door closes another one opens, the demise of the Haliburton County Employment Centre and the Information Centre this past spring paved the way for provincial and federal services to be conveniently located under the same roof.

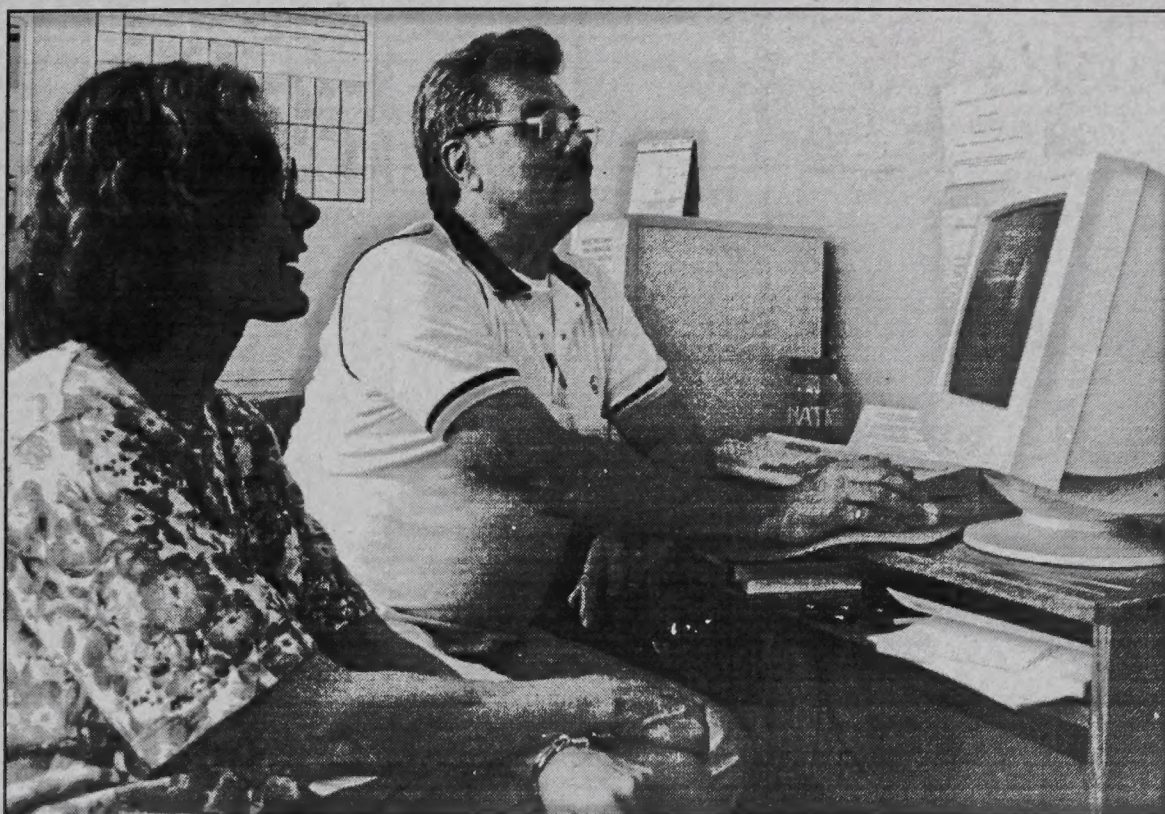
Follow the green metal stairs to the second floor of the Village Court Plaza to the Employment Resource Centre that opened its doors on May 5, and among the Ontario-based services it provides is the new Career Employment Participation Program.

CEPP is designed to help unemployed and out of school youths between the ages of 16 and 24, or up to 29 years old for those with a disability, begin their foray into the job market.

"One of the big jobs we have to do is we have to inform people," said Bernie Nicholson of the youth employment preparation program. "There are a number of kids who would like to do something but don't know how to get started, where to go, and how to find all that out."

CEPP was preceded by the Futures program, one of the services out of Sir Sandford Fleming College.

Futures got the axe on March 31 when it was replaced by CEPP which is also distributed by the Haliburton SSFC campus and the Ministry of Education and Training. Like Futures,



JOB SURFING:

Above left, Lindsay Coates, a Human Resources Investment Fund officer at the Employment Resource Centre, joins Louis Simon, a volunteer who teaches computer-wary clients how to surf the Internet for job prospects.

Sir Sandford Fleming College's Career Employment Preparation Program offers on-the-job training, as well as job search strategies, says Janet Honsberger, right.

CEPP also offers on-the-job training as well as help with resume preparation, job search strategies and information towards academic upgrading, says the former interim campus operations leader Janet Honsberger.

"The difference for clients is the range of information resources," she said. "And employers who used to be fully subsidized, will now have a stipend but it will only cover a



portion of the salary."

Clients will receive an assessment of what skills they need to pursue a line of work and find out the range of options that are open to them.

Since the Haliburton County

Information Centre closed, also this past spring, many residents don't know where to go to receive either provincial or federal programs, said Lindsay Coates, a Human Resources Information Fund officer.

"Seniors can find their information here and they don't know that," she said. "It's a huge continuum of services under one roof."

Besides consolidating its resources and equipment between provincial and federal services, it's so much more convenient to have senior's benefits, Employment Insurance, the Canada Pension Plan and a range of other services available in one office. And as of Sept. 1, academic upgrading at the centre's on-site classroom will also be available.

The Information and Referral Service is a self-help program where anyone can visit the centre to view job board postings, access job information on a self-directed and user friendly job bank kiosk, or use the phone, fax and photocopier when job searching.

The Employment Preparation Program helps clients prepare effective resumes, cover letters and develop a job searching plan, and the On-the-Job Training service helps link employers with clients who want hands on experience in a certain field or want to increase the skills they already have.

Jodie Laine manages a group of volunteers including Louis Simon, Wendy Bateman, Barb Winn, Alison Stoneman and Kara Mitchell who are trained to introduce people to the Internet and make the technology part of their job search strategy.

The Learning Resource Centre at the Sisco campus provides students and community clients with the capacity to not be locked into traditional ways of learning by giving them the opportunity to access the Internet for training and job search information.

Anyone interested in learning more about these and any other programs are invited visit the Employment Resource Centre every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. to attend a half-hour orientation session, or call 457-2020 for more information.

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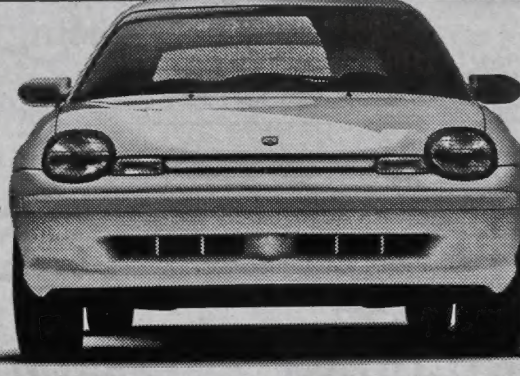
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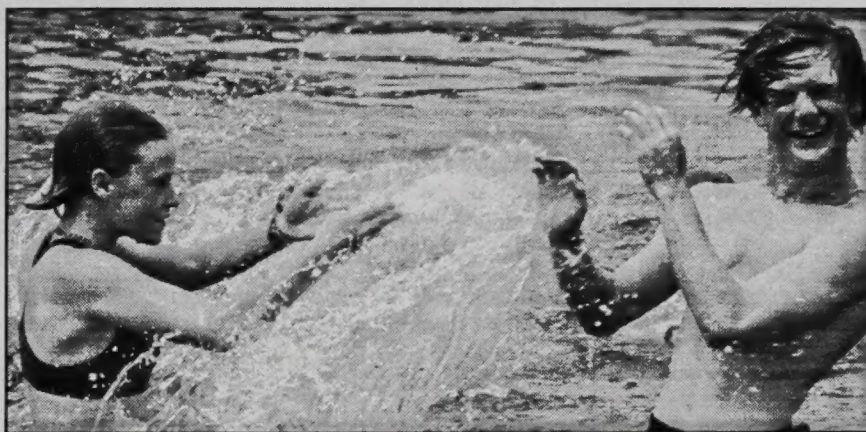


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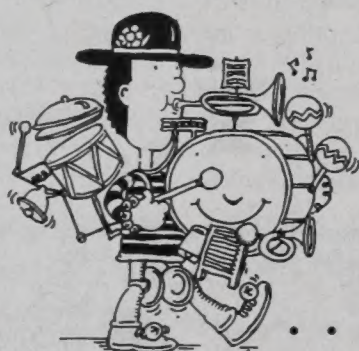
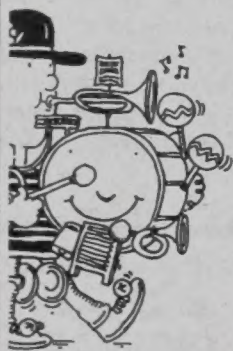
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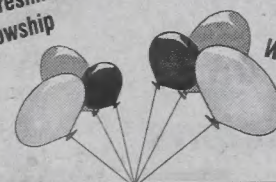
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Editorial

Politicizing local politics

Obviously believing that it's better to go out in a blaze of glory by burning his bridges behind him, Snowdon Reeve George Simmons' comments about the achievements, or lack thereof, during this past municipal term of office probably ignited bonfires in the hearts of his fellow county councillors.

Whether it's a smart tactical manoeuvre or not – Simmons doesn't seem to have plans for any kind of political future – his comments should stir up a healthy debate on the role of local government.

In the past, getting a seat on local council meant making sure roads were plowed, streetlights were shining and tax increases were kept to a minimum. It was a straightforward job, albeit a bit tiring as you tried to provide almost individual service to each and every ratepayer. Someone phoned, their complaint was dealt with and you waited for the next call.

Then we started to get the issue of the year. Remember one year how every candidate vowed they were an environmentalist

and would to protect the Highlands' beauty? Three years later, you didn't hear a peep about the environment; instead, everyone promised to run their municipality the way they ran their home. Now, warden Murray Fearrey is already warning that tax increases will be an unavoidable fact of life next year because of provincial downloading. Finding ways to cope with the provincial changes will be the cause célèbre this November.

Simmons criticizes the county for not doing enough to buttress the county in the face of these enormous pressures. But in personality, he's always been feisty, a little David ready to take on any Goliath. Most of his fellow county councillors are more prudent and cautious by nature, largely a mixture of retired people wanting to give something

In the upcoming election, we'll probably get more of the type of people Simmons desires – fighters, strategists, “movers and shakers.” In other words, real politicians in every sense of the word.

back to their beloved Highlands or businesspeople who know the impact of taxes on the Highlands economy. They ran for council not by standing on a platform, but by saying they were just one of the people hoping to do their best for their municipality. And many of them have done their best; history can decide whether the best was good enough.

In the upcoming election, we'll probably get more of the type of people Simmons desires – fighters, strategists, “movers and shakers.” In other words, real politicians in every sense of the word. While this will definitely shake up the municipal establishment, some caution must still be exercised. It's been this county's blessing that up until now, local politics has not really been very political. You can't usually tell whether a politician voted for the Conservatives or Liberals or wrote nasty words all over their ballot. There has been no party allegiance, no party backing and each candidate has run as an individual.

Will local politics begin to get more organized now that the job has become more complicated, requiring a bit more “umph” from its councillors and trustees? The situation certainly can't stay the way it has been; Simmons is right about that. Local politicians will have to be a bit more professional, but we must be aware of what we stand to lose in the transition.

MP



Beating the heat at Guilford's Canada Day

by Maria Calabrese

Letters to the Editor

Davis right to support Bell

To the Editor:

Congratulations on the reporting of county council meetings (June 24) – well done and without bias. I would like to applaud Deputy Reeve Bill Davis for the reported stand he took on the Sprint/Bell issue. To give up all the support that Bell has given to customers in the city and country for a newly arrived USA multi national corporation would be dumping a lot of investment and hard work in Canada down the drain.

Sprint has a small office in Canada, but what else have they done? Even their continual TV advertising features a well known USA celebrity. Why hot a Canadian?

This is typical of many US corporations that treat Canada as easy pickings. A saving of \$800 may seem a lot in the economy of today but it would be short lived. When Sprint has enough suckers in tow they will up their ante. Good work Bill Davis.

**B. Wilson,
Haliburton**

Naming names

To the Editor:

It could be that I missed several local names of graduating students in my recent West Guilford News column.

In an effort to protect privacy of individuals, names at the high school graduation were not followed by the names of parents or where they live and what their next year's education or work would be. Do students and parents appreciate this or do they, like me, wish to know more about each other because they are interested enough and concerned about each other's futures?

It used to be so simple just to check off students' names on the program. If your name was missed, this is the reason and I regret it as much as you.

**Eleanor Cooper,
West Guilford**

Guest Column

Public invited to help County establish directions for change

by **TAMARA WILBEE**
County Office

Shaping the future through citizen involvement! This is where it's at in terms of initiating change and Haliburton County plans to be at the cutting edge as we get ready to move into the next century.

On July 24th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton, all permanent and seasonal residents of the County are invited to get involved in setting directions for change.

Shaping the future of our own environment means that for starters, we need to establish a

realistic vision for the county. What is your vision for the County? What are the key issues facing you and your neighbours? What are the real needs of people in the County? What opportunities have you thought about?

These are all important questions. We must tackle the issues so we can move quickly to action. This is where you come in. On July 24th you'll have the opportunity of assessing what's already been accomplished in the County. You will also be able to formulate key directions for change. But - you'll do more than that! You'll be setting the framework for manag-

ing development and change, and you will be able to see how you can participate on an ongoing basis (e.g. be a follow up session in August).

Everyone is invited! Everyone should be interested! Development is about quality of life and this has many dimensions. Jobs, working conditions and investment are of course very important aspects, but so are access to adequate commercial services; medical and social services; educational and recreational opportunities; as well as dealing with environmental issues.

Managing development is continued on page 9

Scary stuff at the cottage

THE MIST was hanging over the water in the bay like sadness shrouding a funeral procession. It oozed up from low areas in the bush and Tom could see the haze from his bedroom window. The room faced both the lake and the dense trees that closely encroached the cottage. At night he would lie awake in his bed and listen to the shrieks of owls and rustle of unknown creatures.

While staying at the summer cottage usually meant a time of sunshine and warm breezes, there were those rainy days when the nature of the place changed completely. The air became chilly and damp with the smell of rotting leaves and mouldy places permeating everything.

The gloomy wet days were perfectly suited to scary stories, real and made up. But how scary stories were approached was crucial to making them work. A person could not simply launch into them. The atmosphere had to be right and then the stories could be eased into the conversation effortlessly.

Of course night time helped immensely in getting things off to a quick start. But Tom preferred afternoons on dark and dreary days like this one. He liked the mist clumped randomly, mysteriously around the cottage. Scary stories told on days like this seemed more real because everyone knew that at nighttime, anything could be made to seem spooky. It was the middle of the day tales that had the ring of truth.

When Tom's cousins came to visit on rainy days, they would begin with the ouija board, watching in fascination as words and letters emerged from the invisible world beyond. Then it was on to stories, people taking a turn if seized by inspiration. There were favourite themes that were retold over the years with altered details. The ghost of the old lumber mill owner

who appeared to various family members and various locations years past. The cottage lights that went on when the hydro was turned off. The door that managed to open itself, even when a heavy old stump was placed against it. Fire balls floating down the river like heads aflame.

Although Tom had heard these before, he delighted in losing himself in their spine-tingling convolutions. The only drawback to an afternoon thus spent was that a trip to the outhouse became an ominous exercise, with Tom half expecting a walking corpse to pop up through the hole.

The best scary story teller was Tom's older cousin Arlene. It was usually dark rainy days when she arrived, walking down the driveway in her rubber boots, carrying her mother's old green plaid umbrella, with its crooked spokes. She had wild dark hair that stuck out in the damp weather and Tom often thought Arlene would make an excellent witch with that umbrella and hair.

Arlene's stories were never the same. She used animals, people, or a combination thereof with wicked abandon. Green heads floated on the night air to suck up people's brains while they slept. Monstrous toads emerged from cemeteries to feed on babies. Bears that could take human form long enough to get inside cottages fought it out with wolves that were really the ghosts of dead relatives. An afternoon of Arlene's tales left Tom shivering and jumpy but eager for more.

If the clouds cleared away and the sun emerged after one of her visits, then Tom's nervousness dissolved as quickly as the mist in the bay. But if the weather remained unchanged, Tom had to convince his older brother to accompany him to the outhouse. He could never quite shake the feeling that someone might be waiting for him there.

DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch



Pic of the Past

On a sunny summer day in 1924, three generations of the Dugan family gathered on the front lawn of their homestead on Concession V, Dysart Township, near Gould's Crossing. This photo shows Altha (née Gould) and Andrew Dugan with their children, and their first grandchild. The children are, from left, seated: Andrew, Doris (Weatherson, the only person in

the photo still living), Wilson and Altha. In the back row are Olive Jaynes with her daughter Doreen, Olive, Sheridan, John and Christina. Three years later, Altha and Andrew moved to a farm near Warkworth. Our thanks to John's son, Ray, a Kennis Lake cottager, for sharing the photo with us.

Poetry

Can summer be here?

So you think that summer is finally here

And you can put away your boots and skiing gear??

You can store your sweat shirts under the bed

And get on your sneakers and T-shirts instead.

Yes, it's time at last to unplug your car

And it won't be iced over when you want to go far.

And the town is full of folks all on vacation

Looking for their favourite store which is in a new location.

The ducks in the river are vis-

iting "En Masse"

While the geese are busy, decorating the grass.

The thermometer says twenty or thirty or so

Well, that's a lot better than thirty below.

And the sun beaming down makes me long for a walk

And meeting friends in the park makes you stop for a talk,

So I've got the first sunburn of the year

And I guess we can say that Summer is here!

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People

All shades and all sizes,
all colours and all places,
Is where they'll be.
Try Africa or China or
Maybe even the Arctic Sea.

Yellow and white and pink
and brown.

These are some of the
colours you will see.

Small and tall, fat and skin-
ny and so

Many more sizes.

Look North, look south,
East and West, too!

You will see that there really
is people like me and you!

by Elizabeth Holmes,
Age 12
Bancroft

Meeting will help shape county's future

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also about 'community' and the building of strong and healthy communities. Therefore, when you debate 'development' in Haliburton County, you'll also address the 'what' (what sectors - manufacturing, tourism, natural resources, employment issues as well as services and infrastructure). The 'how' is equally important (getting involved, keeping involved, building community identity, etc...).

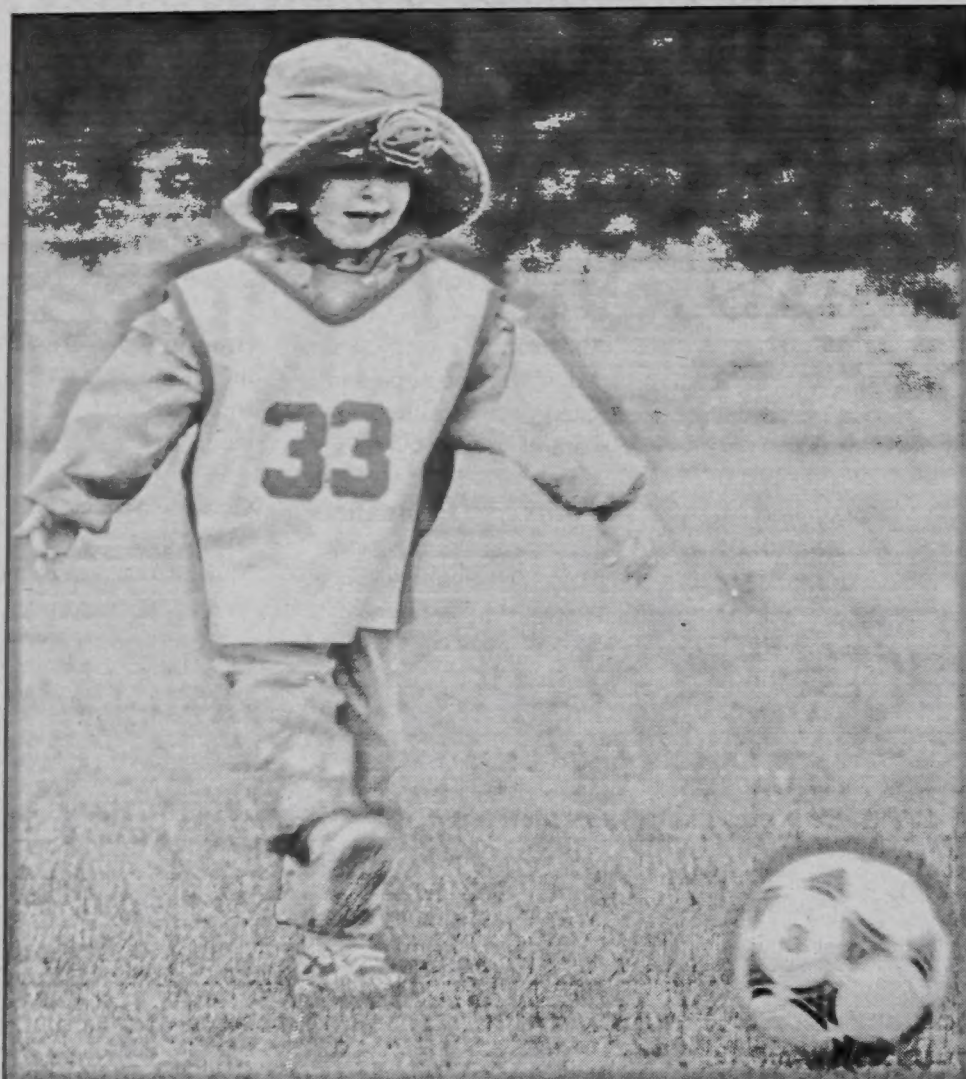
So get involved! Come and work with us on July 24th, meet Strategic Plan Facilitator, Dr. Chris Bryant of Econotrends, the County of Haliburton Strategic Planning Committee, County and Municipal Councilors, representatives of organizations and agencies throughout the County and many concerned citizens in Haliburton County.

For further information and to reserve a seat, please call Tamara Wilbee at the County Offices at (705) 286-1333. You are welcome even if you aren't able to call ahead, but your early response will help us to arrange seating and refreshments.

Boonieville

by Charlie Teljeur





WORLD CUP HOPEFULS: Page Roberts, left, is just one of 110 kids who are members of Haliburton's soccer league. Above, volunteer parent-coaches taught the young athletes a few soccer skills like warming up before a game. Participating were Rob Hill, Adam Van Nood, Richard Van Nood, Liane and Cleve Roberts, Meaghan Varty, Tiffany Lieshout, Juliana Lieshout, Page Roberts, Christopher Greaves and Jenna Dibblee.

Soccer season kicks into gear in Haliburton

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

While soccer fans all over the world are bracing for the 1998 World Cup

Championships in France, check out the home grown talent as local kids prepare themselves for a fun-filled season of soccer.

"Our goal here is to get them to have fun," said Tom Dibblee, one of the volunteer parent-coaches. "There are no trophies we don't even keep score. It's just fun. It's important to meet the needs of all the players."

This is the second year that soccer has been offered in Haliburton, and coach Sharon Dibblee said participation is up to 110 this year from 30 last year.

Community support of Haliburton soccer has been overwhelming so far. The fields at Haliburton Highlands-Secondary School and J. Douglas Hodgson were donated by the schools, and the league is using four sets of

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cast-off shirts from the high school what were cut to fit these elementary-sized athletes.

And at the end of last year's season, a \$300 donation from the Legion Hall allowed the league to buy 18 new soccer balls.

Children and volunteer parent-coaches meet every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. for a half hour of basic skills practice followed by a half hour soccer game.

"It's a developmental approach to team sports," coach Dibblee said. Children between the ages of three and 13 split up into teams based on their age group. Eventually, teams will be put together with athletes of similar abilities.

These young athletes aren't forced to show up at every practice if they can't or don't want to because the soccer games are just for fun and new teams are put together every week. There is no score-keeping and no need for pre-game jitters because the goals in this league are to be active, have fun and make friends.

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Welcome to the new Bell.

Councillor Ross Rigney says he will seek to fill vacant reeve's chair

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wardens — including himself — Simmons maintained county council should have had the political leadership and experience to find a restructuring solution.

"You need leadership and you need people who are going to make the decisions," he said. "And I've got to apologize because for the last two years I don't think you've had the leadership there to make the decisions."

Tackling the issue of restructuring will only become more difficult over the coming year as the provincial government downloads numerous services and responsibilities to municipalities, Simmons said.

"If you can't make a decisive decision now at the end of a three-year term, how can you expect a new council to make it in its first year with all the changes coming down on them?"

Snowdon council recently threatened to call in a provincial commissioner to impose a restructuring plan on Haliburton County unless county council took further steps to develop its own plan.

Snowdon has since backed off on the ultimatum while county councillors have begun looking at a proposal for a three-municipality system that would operate

beneath the county government.

As well, the municipalities of Snowdon, Lutterworth and Anson, Hindon and Minden are discussing an amalgamation proposal.

"A lot of the leadership say I'm a whiner and a complainer and everything else," said Simmons. "... But I honestly think if we don't restructure, we're going to lose Haliburton County."

Simmons, elected to Snowdon council eight years ago; speculated a number of other councillors will choose to step down in November in the face of the coming changes.

Rigney, who is in his first term as a councillor, said he would strive to

seek a model for restructuring locally, if elected to the reeve's chair.

"During any term that I'm involved in, we would not give up trying to find a made-in-Haliburton solution and a made-in-Snowdon solution for our own situation," he said.

Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon, one of the scheduled speakers at the meeting, said she can't imagine the county's political arena without Simmons, who consistently stimulated debate and discussion at the county council table.

"He's been our conscience and our guidance for some years," said Anthon.

'I honestly think if we don't restructure, we're going to lose Haliburton County.'

-- George Simmons

Recommendations on service delivery by the county's *Who Does What?* committee

County Municipal Shared?

Fire Departments
Communication and services

Planning
Official plan, subdivision approval and consents

Parks and Recreation
Corridor parks

County Roads - Engineering Design and Construction
Includes construction supervision, design, ditching, drainage, environmental assessment, fencing, granular base, land purchase, paving, resurfacing, pre-engineering, utilities relocation. County could provide service to Municipality by invitation.

County Roads
Lane line parking, premarking, sign placement, traffic counts, entrances

Ambulance
It's unclear how costs would be apportioned and how cross boundary call will be billed

Economic Development
Includes industrial, commercial, tourism, agriculture and community

Emergency Preparedness Response

Home for the Aged

Library
County administration, lower tiers may assume some or all costs of service delivery

Addressing/9-1-1

Police
To be administered at the County and billed to the lower tiers on an actual costs basis, not by apportionment.

Social Services and Family Benefits Administration

Septic Inspection
To be contracted to Health Unit for 1998

Fire Departments
Suppression and rescue, fire prevention, medical

Planning
Minor variances, pit and quarry review, site plan control, zoning by-laws

Parks and Recreation
Arenas/community centres, Ball parks and fields, boat launchers/playgrounds, trailer parks, community parks

By-law enforcement
Includes camping, discharge of firearms (may be a police matter), dogs, livestock, property standards, sidewalk obstruction, signs, parking enforcement and parking revenue collection

Cemeteries

Drainage inspection
Currently done by building officials and road superintendents

Fence viewers

Livestock Evaluator

Museums

Non-profit Housing

Weed Control
Roadsides, private property includes inspection of noxious weeds, weed identification, destroying noxious weeds

Sidewalks
Includes construction and maintenance, construction will often be included on the adjacent road or street

Street Lighting

Airports

Sewer Systems

Taxes
Collection, billing, arrears and sales. Billing could be centralized at one of the large municipalities where the processing capacity is already in place.

Transit
Coordination of Community Transportation programs (CTAP) would be at County level

Waste Management
Capacity replacement, composting, garbage collection, landfill operations, recycling and diversion

Water Systems
Construction, design/tending, inspection, maintenance, metre reading, testing and quality control

Capital Borrowing

Debenturing

Human Resources
Includes personnel and health and safety matters

County Roads - maintenance
May also be provided by County, municipality or private sector. Includes culvert, hard-top and loose-top maintenance, roadside, winter control, safety devices and summer road patrol

Provincial Highways and Bridges
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This report was tabled at the June county council meeting and will be discussed by municipal councils before the issue returns to the county table for further discussion

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Exploring Haliburton



by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

THE VARIED TERRAIN of the Highlands left a lasting impression on Susan Wilson when she was just a child, and carrying these memories with her ever since, she has created a treasure for residents, cottagers and tourists alike to enable them to build some life-long memories of their own.

She is the author of *Explore Haliburton*, a series of 10 circular driving tours with each circuit guiding its explorers through different areas of the Highlands and conveniently returning them to their starting point.

"It may be used for a rainy day when there's nothing to do, or a chilly day when it's no fun to be outside," Wilson said. "People will say, 'Hey, let's take the book and get in the car and drive for a couple of hours and go and see some of these places.' And it's all laid out for them."

The tours vary in length from 35 to 77 kilometres and they extend from the southwest corner of the county near Norland and spread north and east all the way to Dorset and down to Wilberforce. Each tour has an easy-to-follow map that pinpoints the location of each site Wilson chronicles in the book.

"After I plotted the tours on paper, then I went and I actually drove each one of them before I started writing," she said.

How long each tour lasts depends on the reader. *Explore Haliburton* doesn't confine readers to study the book from cover to cover. Instead, each tour is an entity on its own, although linked historically and naturally to its surrounding areas.

The cover, a colorful autumn scene of the Davis Barn in Blairhampton, was taken by the book's photographer - Wilson's husband, Michael Shirley. It is an eye-catching invitation to open the book and Wilson can visualize her labour of love on the shelves at the homes of tourists, cottagers and permanent residents.

People who are seeing the Highlands for the first time have the opportunity to put what they see into context by gleaning a bit of the area's history. Residents already familiar with the area will be reminded of histories they may have forgotten and will likely gather new insights into the buildings, people, events and landscapes - natural and man-made - that will allow them to appreciate the area even more.

Being a professional writer, Wilson feels privileged to have the opportunity to be able to research and learn these stories firsthand, and the book is her effort to preserve these stories.

In her introduction, she shares a heartfelt sentiment about how the county is at a critical time in its history because much of what is known about it is based on oral storytelling. Many of the

area's documents were destroyed by fires over the years and these oral histories are gradually being lost as generations pass on, taking their memories with them.

Most of the stories in the book come from articles Wilson composed during the six summers, from 1988 to 1993, when she wrote for the *Minden Times*' summer supplement. She dedicates the book to editor Jack Brezina who gave her the opportunity to write a series of articles including one on churches, another series on interesting homes and others still on the subject of interesting long-time cottagers in the area.

"Some of these families have been around here, not quite as long as pioneering families, but they have long histories going back three or four generations.

The county is as important to them as the people who live here. And it was talking to all those people and writing all those stories that gave me the information that I needed to write the book."

It was during these years that Wilson moved to the county permanently after being a life-long cottager herself. She started coming up to Haliburton County when she was a baby at the top of Twelve

Mile Lake. Her parents eventually bought a cottage on that lake in 1948.

"I know that, as a cottager, all you want to do is get to the cottage and stay there, although you may have to come into town to get supplies," she added. "However, since I've moved up here I've realized how much we miss just making that beeline between town and the lake, and I'm hoping that through this book, people who have been coming here for a very long time will learn some of the stories that have surrounded them all this time and will deepen their feelings for that place even more."

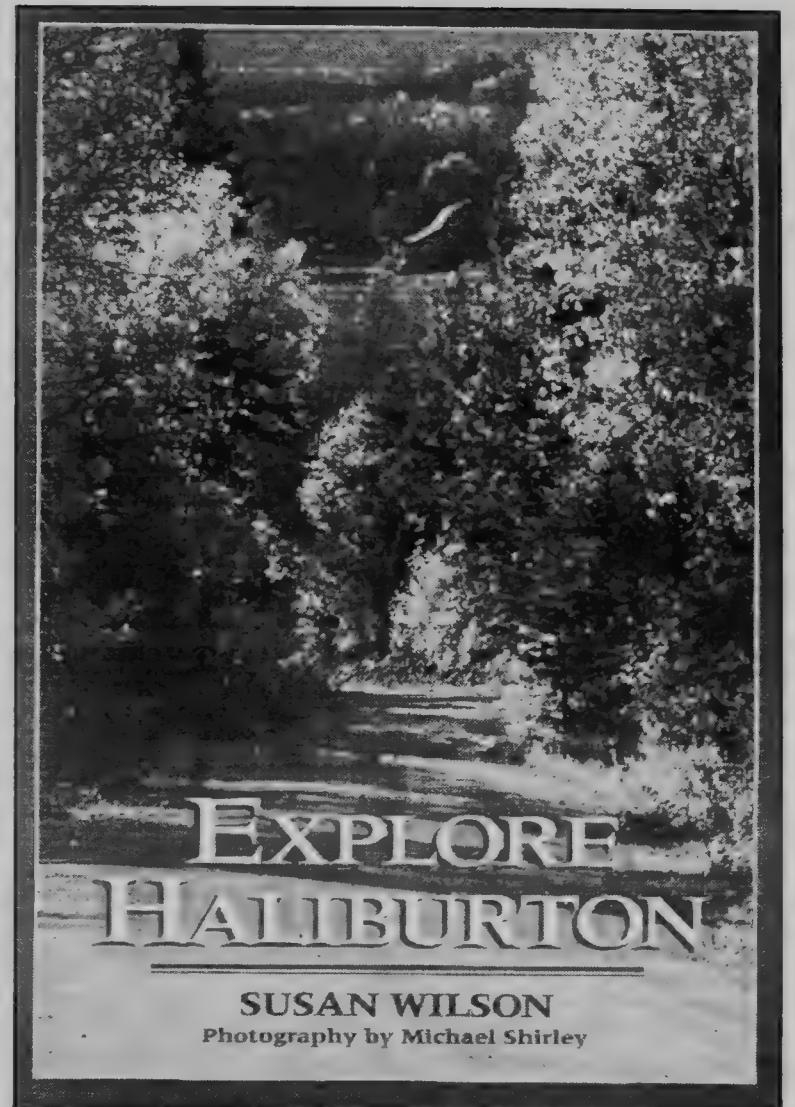
Wilson got the idea for *Explore Haliburton* during Christmas 1987 when she saw an ad in the *Globe and Mail* for a book published by Boston

Mills Press titled *Explore Muskoka* by Susan Pryke. By the new year, Wilson was on the phone with Boston Mills publisher John Denison to pitch her idea.

And the rest is history.

What started out as a verbal agreement got a bit more complicated when Boston Mills Press was sold to Stoddart Publishing, although Wilson finally secured a book contract in September 1994. Cost overruns forced a two-year delay on the book and Wilson put her enterprising mind to work thinking up ideas to raise additional moneys for her project.

From this dilemma was born an idea that would appropriately involve the very community that Wilson was exploring and promoting. The Chamber of Commerce gave the publishing



"People will say, 'Hey, let's take the book and get in the car and drive for a couple of hours and go and see some of these places.' And it's all laid out for them," says author Susan Wilson

talking about collaborating on her book instead of relying on Boston Mills Press to supply their own photographer.

Many of the scenes are photographed during the summer and autumn along with a few winter shots relating to certain events such as the sled dog race or skiing at Sir Sam's ski area - "just to remind people that we don't roll up the streets with the first snowfall. Things happen here all year round."

A long list of local friends and colleagues, many who have penned books of their own, were integral to the creation of *Explore Haliburton* and made it a veritable team effort. This includes a source who led Wilson to a 1912 Official Automobile Guide of Canada that details how the road north of Norland, how Highway 35, was all sand and gravel and difficult to maneuver.

Otherwise, Wilson spent time at the registry office reading books that go back to the 1860s for interesting tidbits of information about how much things cost and who got original land grants; in some cases she happened upon original deeds and transfers.

The original minute book from what is now Zion United Church is among the historical treasures that still exist. "And, of course, Stanhope Township has every scrap of paper," Wilson said. "It's the only township around with complete minute records going back to the very first

council meeting."

Wilson presents the information in a readable format that doesn't burden the book down with excessive details that are as every bit important to the area's history but omitted for the sake of keeping *Explore Haliburton* as fluid as possible.

"There are tours that I would like to have included, but they didn't fit nicely into the context of one circle," she says. "And space in any book is limited. The publisher told me what the criteria were and I had to fit within that. It also meant that within the things that are included in the book, I couldn't necessarily tell absolutely the whole story in very detail, so I had to pick and choose amongst the facts that interested me or the bits that I thought were the most important part of that little story."

She assures the reader that all roads in her tours are passable, including those mysterious back roads which she loves so much.

So if you never knew the Minden Wild Water Preserve used to be named Sanderson's Rapids after a river driver who was killed at the site, or that Minden was named after a town in Germany, then consider making *Explore Haliburton* an addition to any home library.

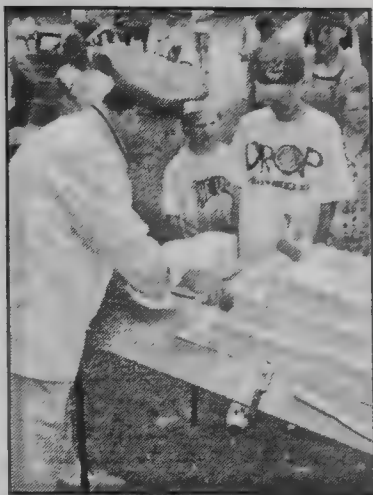
Explore Haliburton retails for \$22.95 and is available throughout the Highlands. Wilson will be signing copies of her book at Under Cover Books on July 19 from 1 to 3 p.m.



POTATO SAC RACES: Savannah MacAusland, 16 months, gets some help from her dad, Dave, to cross the finish line in one of several races that took place at the West Guilford Recreation Centre.



Photos by
Maria Calabrese



Canada Day in West Guilford



WHAT'S RED AND WHITE AND WAVED ALL OVER?: Canadian Flags were distributed to the crowds who gathered to celebrate Canada Day in West Guilford. Clockwise from above left, Perry Morrison was chosen as the Canada Day Citizen and his wife, Kaye, thanked the crowd on his behalf. What's a birthday without a cake? Rachel's Bakery donated the treat which was made by Marian Mankowski. The three-layer cake gave the hungry crowd a choice of carrot, white and chocolate cake to choose from. All was fair in this tug of war when kids of all ages joined together for some healthy competition.

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SING OUT:

Local ministers Harry Morgan, Gord Walsh, Brian Plouffe and Christopher Greaves, above, entertain at Head Lake Park on Saturday to an appreciative audience, right. Also performing was Praise Hymn.



Frost Centre programs help landowners become better stewards

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A series of interactive workshops at the Frost Centre this summer has been designed to teach property owners to be better stewards of their land whether they own a 100-foot cottage lot or a 100-acre woodlot.

Depending on which of the workshops they attend, participants could learn how to mark trees, restore wetlands, improve their shorelines or attract certain types of animals to their land.

"It's timeless information. It was relevant 50 years ago. It's relevant today," said the Frost Centre's John van Geene.

Each of the full-day workshops in "The Stewardship Series" will be led by experts, many of them from the Highlands area.

And while the workshops will begin each day at the Frost Centre with a brief lecture or seminar, they will largely take place outdoors, said van Geene.

A couple of the workshops will include tours at other sites, while the others will be held entirely on the grounds at the Frost Centre.

The first workshop in the series, Managing Your Forest, was held last Friday, but there are still four more, covering the following topics:

- **Wetland Explorations** (Saturday, July 26): Participants will explore the ecology and classification of wetland ecosystems, learning how to identify wetland plants and animals. They will also find out how wetlands can be protected through stewardship.

- **Healthy Shorelines** (Friday, August 8): Examines basic lake

ecology and the role shorelines play in maintaining healthy lakes. Participants will learn about environmentally friendly products and construction methods that can help prevent shoreline damage.

- **Wildlife on Your Property** (Monday, August 18): Will show land owners how to take an inventory of the natural habitat of their land. Participants will be told how to create habitats to attract wildlife, as well as how to animal-proof their homes against other species.

- **Sustainable Forestry** (Saturday, September 13): Looks at how recreational activities and good logging practices can co-exist within a healthy forest ecosystem.

The workshops cost \$10 per person and run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., rain or shine.

Participants are supposed to pack their own lunches. They'll also need good hiking footwear and appropriate clothing for outdoors.

It's important to pre-register because there has already been a lot of interest and there's a maximum of 60 participants per workshop.

"People will get a lot of information on these days in a short period. But it's done in a way that's not cramming. It's a hands-on approach," said van Geene.

The workshops are being sponsored by the stewardship councils of Bancroft/Haliburton and Parry Sound, Muskoka and Almaguin in partnership with the Frost Centre.

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Snowdon Park needs more volunteer labour to help it reach potential as tourist attraction

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Sunday's annual general meeting of the Canning Lake Property Owners' Association.

Snowdon Park has great potential as a tourist attraction and wetland preserve, but first it needs more volunteers to help prepare it for visitors, said Peter Brogden and Kim Wendt.

Brogden and Wendt, who have been working with a small group of volunteers to get the park in shape, were guest speakers at Sunday's meeting.

They told the audience a lot of work has been done at the 110-acre wetland park over the past two years, but there remains much to be done.

With more assistance — either through voluntary labour or financial donations for supplies — the big job will be much easier and go much faster, said Wendt.

Volunteers have blazed trails and begun putting in a boardwalk at the park, which is just north of Gelert off County Rd. 1.

Students from Sir Sandford Fleming college have also helped with the trail work.

"The big thing now is to finish the trail and get the signage done," said Wendt.

Not only will the boardwalk allow people to get a bird's eye

view of the wetland without actually walking through it, but also it will make the park wheelchair accessible.

Brogden said volunteers also hope to record the history of the old farm homestead on the property and conduct a biological inventory of the site.

Brogden and Wendt encouraged people to visit the park and volunteer their time to help make it a success.

Two upcoming events will highlight the park. On August 9 the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturals will hold their annual general meeting at the site and in late September the Federation of Ontario Field Naturalists will be holding an outing there.

Hospital update

The county's long-awaited healthcare expansion projects should finally begin moving from the drawing board to reality this fall, said Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon.

While there likely won't be time for the shells of the actual buildings to go up, some site preparation should at least take place, she said.

Anthon is also holding out hope that recent changes announced by the province could ensure 24-hour emergency

care will remain in place at the county's hospitals.

In other news, Anthon said Minden is moving ahead with its plans for a business park along Highway 35 and the county has scheduled meetings to develop a strategic plan.

Personal watercraft safety

John Blaicher, who has helped the association set up a pilot project stressing the safe use of personal watercraft, was on hand to tell members about the initiative. A detailed report on the project will be published in a future issue of County Life.

Criminal activity low

Minden OPP Sergeant Art Goard told the audience there have been very few criminal incidents reported on Canning Lake over the past three months.

The detachment was called to investigate reports of just one break and enter during that time frame, along with a report of a boat being stolen.

Search and rescue

Sgt. Goard briefed association members about the Haliburton County Search and Rescue Team which helps the OPP when peo-

ple are reported missing in the Highlands.

The 22 volunteers who belong to the group are very well trained and have assisted the OPP very effectively on numerous occasions, he said.

The search and rescue team has its own mobile home which it serves as a command centre during searches.

"They're so well trained that they quite often beat us to an occurrence," said Goard.

Water quality excellent

Canning Lake's water quality is "excellent" according to the most recent phosphorus count, said Roly Wagg.

The 1996 water test marked the 25th year in a row that the association read the lake's phosphorous level, which Wagg believes is a record for the area.

However, due to provincial cutbacks, it appears the association's testing program is now in troubled waters.

Lake steward Gus Janca said the Ministry of Environment and Energy no longer has the resources to give the association the type of testing reports it has in the past.

Instead, it appears the association will have to switch to SECHI disk testing, which looks at water clarity but does not read

phosphorous levels.

Paying their dues

The association's membership continues to be extremely high, noted Irving Green.

There are 305 properties listed in the lake's directory. Of that number, there are 283 association members (some of the others are duplications while others aren't expected to join the association for various reasons, said Green.)

Of the 283 potential members, 245 chose to join the association in 1996.

"I think that's really remarkable," said Green.

Awards

Once again, the association gave out bursaries to two high school students, who were recognized for their environmental studies.

Dave Cook won the \$25 Fred Jones Bass Award for the amazing seven-pounder he pulled from the lake last summer.

Coming events

On August 2 the association's popular Fun Day will take place at Ingoldsby Park. A rock bass derby has been scheduled for July 26. The official count takes place at 4 p.m. at the Rigneys' property.

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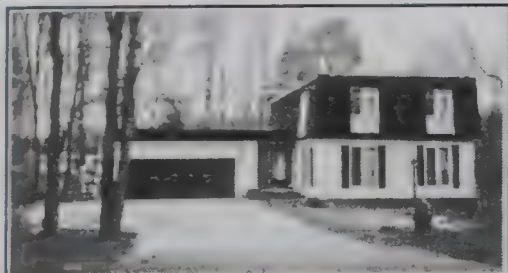
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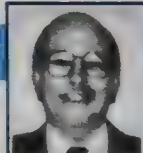
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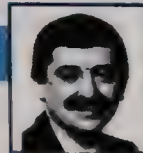
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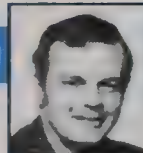
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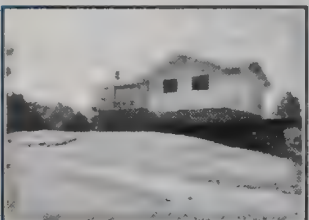
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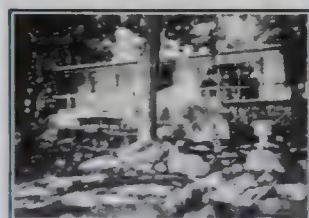
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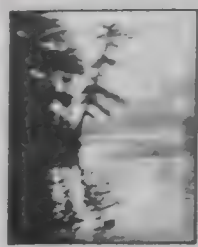
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Time on his Hands

by MARTHA PERKINS

IN 1066, when his successful invasion of England transformed the Duke of Normandy into William the Conqueror, CNN didn't have its cameras perched on the top of a fort's parapet to record each volley of arrows. Instead, it's believed, his half-brother, the Bishop of Bayeux, commissioned some nuns to commemorate the monumental event on a tapestry which would eventually spread over more than 210 feet.

Nine hundred and thirty years later, when Kennisis Lake cottager Ray Dugan stitched the last stitch on his faithful reproduction of the famous Bayeux Tapestry, he too was making a memorial to a significant event in his life; only this event was one of great pain, not great victory. Halfway along the tapestry, in black wool, is stitched the day that his only children, Andrew and Mark, drowned in an accident near Ottawa in 1993.

"I thought it was important to honour their memory in some lasting way," he says, sitting in the airy top floor apartment above the garage he and his wife Sylvia built beside their cottage. "Before the accident, (doing the tapestry) was a pastime for a few hours a week and I don't know whether I even had the idea of even finishing it. After the accident, it became a focal point because it could become a sort of memorial."

On Good Friday in 1993, Andrew and Mark got their Jeep

stuck in the mud of a river swollen with rain. They got out to try to free the Jeep, but were swept away by the current and drowned. Andrew was 28, married, father of two. Mark was 26, engaged to be married.

For months after the accident, their father, a French literature professor at the University of Waterloo, could not concentrate to read, mark papers or even think of anything other than the loss of "my boys". Eventually, he and Sylvia would become involved with Bereaved Families of Ontario and their church, but in the interim, the only outlet he found was the tapestry.

"The tapestry was about the only thing I could do; I was like a zombie," says Dr. Dugan, who will be speaking on his tapestry and the original on July 15 as part of the Haliburton School of Fine Arts' weekly lecture series.

It's an amazing piece of work. Because of the lecture, he's brought it up to the cottage, stored in a cedar box he



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designed for the task of transporting a piece of cloth that's roughly half a metre wide and 67 metres long (90% of the size of the original.) Folded accordion style, the tapestry hangs from curtain hooks to prevent the marks which would appear if he tried to simply fold it like a bolt of material.

Although it looks frustratingly complex, he says there are only two types of stitches and six colours. At the end, in brown wool, he's stitched his own final version of the story showing William of Normandy marching towards London, being greeted by the people and then being crowned Christmas Day, 1066, at Westminster Abbey. (The

original is torn at the end, leading people to believe there was more than has survived. One story has it that the end was torn off to cover a wagon during the French Revolution.)

Ray Dugan's own journey to this summer day in the Highlands has its own unique plot twists.

When he and Sylvia decided to buy a cottage in 1976, the only place he would entertain was Haliburton. "In a sense, it was coming back to my roots," he says. "I have aunts and uncles and cousins all over."

His great-grandfather, William Dugan, had walked from Lindsay to Concession V, Dysart

Township, near what is now Gould's Crossing on County Road 1, in the 1860s, becoming one of the county's first settlers. His son Andrew married Altha Gould and their children were born on the homestead, including Ray's father, John, in 1904.

"My dad told me the stories about growing up here and all the interesting people - the remittance men, Sir Sam Hughes walking down the main street at election time, and the day everyone met the train at the station and burnt the only copy of The Globe, which was the Liberal paper, just before the election."

Good memories do not good

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Tapestry becomes personal memorial

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incomes make, and in 1927, Ray's grandparents moved to Northumberland to farm. By this time, Ray's father had gone to Toronto to find work, marry and start his own family. When Ray was a teenager, John Dugan bought an insurance business in the town of Markdale, south of Owen Sound, and while it was tough to be the new kid on the block during high school, it was a move which was to have great significance in Ray's life.

Next door lived a retired couple. She was French, and since Ray was doing well in French at school, and liked the subject, he asked if she would tutor him. She agreed and when it came time to go to university, Ray chose to study French at the University of Toronto.

His love of the language was not enough to overcome his dislike of Toronto. Six weeks after university began, he came home to Markdale and told his parents he was quitting. Unbeknownst to him, on the Saturday night, his mother packed his suitcase, put it in the car and the next morning, Ray was ordered into the car by his father. The two of them drove to Toronto and when John arrived at Queen's Park Circle, he stopped the car, took out the suitcase and placed it on the curve, and told his son to join it.

"He just left me there. There

was no place to go but my back to my residence," Ray Dugan says today. "It was the right thing to do but I was not very happy about it at the time."

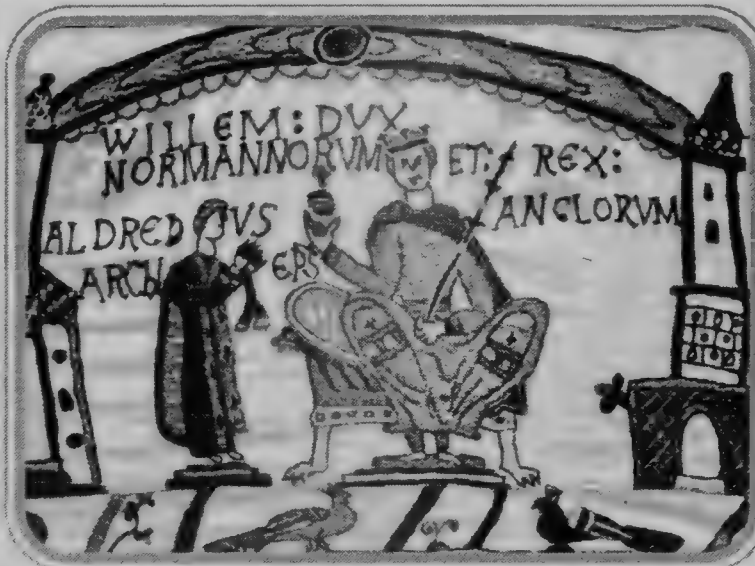
Upon graduation, he went to France to teach, returned for his Master's degree and became a high school teacher in St. Catharines, where he met Sylvia, another teacher at the school. After one year in St. Catharines, he taught for two years in Toronto and realizing "it wasn't really for me," applied and received a scholarship for his PhD at Yale.

"Yale was exciting, a wonderful experience," he says. Sylvia got a job at the library and although they lived on "next to nothing", the atmosphere was stimulating and rewarding. It was here their first son was born.

Asked how someone from "Small Town Ontario" could wind up with a PhD in French literature from Yale, Dr. Dugan says "if you have the desire, no



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years at Waterloo, culminating in his retirement last year.

In between classes however, there were several sabbaticals in France, and they also lived there for two years while he managed a university program there.

It was during one of these French sojourns that they visited the museum in Bayeux, where the tapestry is on display. (It's only

been out of the Normandy town twice: once when Napoleon brought it to Paris to show that it was possible to invade England, and during World War II, when the Nazis confiscated it. They were storing it in The Louvre and legend has it there was a truck on the shipping deck about to take the tapestry to Germany when the Free French liberated the museum as part of the nation-wide victory in 1944.)

He loves 19th Century French novels in particular because "it's some of the best writing. They have such insight into human behaviour and it's such beautiful writing; they're skilled with language."

His first academic posting was at the University of Western Ontario for two years, followed by two years at Guelph and 28

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On the way out of the museum, they passed by the gift shop, where Dr. Dugan bought a kit to replicate one of the sections, about a metre long. "I eventually did every kit they had for sale," he says, and having become hooked, "I said 'why don't I try a bigger piece on my own?'"

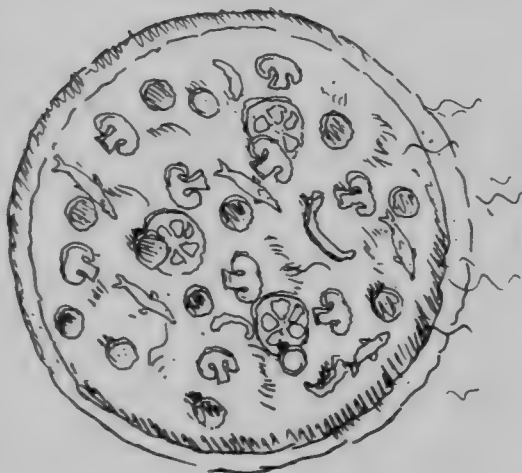
And so he started on his tapestry in 1985, using books on the original as his pattern. "I'd come home after a stressful day at work and do a stitch or two. It went on that way for years and years... If I had started out with the idea of doing the whole thing, I probably never would have done it."

On Good Friday, 1993, he was about halfway done. When he discovered that it was about the only thing he could do after his sons' deaths, he stitched the day they died in black and continued in earnest, finishing about a year and a half ago.

"I felt very empty when I finished it," he admits, and since then, he's been concentrating on venues for displaying it. Its first exhibit was in the rotunda of the Kitchener city hall, and it's also been at the Great Hall of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. In August it will be at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Stratford, and of course, it will be on display at the gym of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton on July 15 for Dr. Dugan's free lecture, starting at 7:15 p.m..

When Dr. Dugan was interviewed by CBC Radio's Vicky Gabereau last December, she suggested he bring the tapestry to the West Coast. He'd jump at the chance except there's one small problem - getting it there. Because of its weight, it's very costly to transport. Does anyone want to start an endowment fund for a beautiful tapestry?

Of all the "pipe dreams" he has for the tapestry's display, the ultimate would be housing it in a museum built on his great-grandparents' homestead on a hill overlooking Gould's Crossing (and next to Leo Dobrzensky's farm house.) It would be a "coming home"-and a tribute to family - both those who have come before and those who were supposed to follow.



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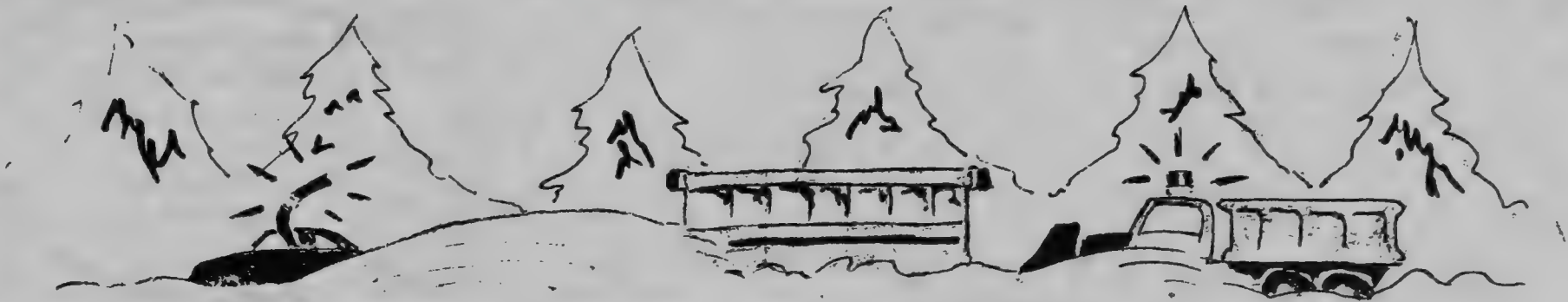
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SAY WHAT YOU WILL about postmen, when it comes to dedicated delivery service through all types of weather, few people can out-drive Amy Hogg.

"In 14 years, she's only missed two days," says Haliburton's Joan Hoad, one of dozens of people who has had her *Toronto Star* delivered faithfully to her home every day by Mrs. Hogg, who is retiring at the end of the month.

"She goes through every kind of weather, even when the school buses are cancelled. She's marvellously conscientious."

Indeed, in one of the Christmas cards which Peter Hoad painted for Mrs. Hogg, above, it shows her tossing out the paper from her car, buried deep in snow, while a school bus and snowplow follow behind.

The *Toronto Star* may not know it yet, but such conscientious service is one of the things that will make Mrs. Hogg so hard to replace.

Every morning by 6, between 115 and 200 *Stars* are delivered to Mrs. Hogg's home just outside of Minden on Hwy. 121. She folds them and places each one in a protective blue plastic bag. After breakfast, she hits the roads for her 120-km route along the Highlands' highways and back roads. Three and a half hours later, she pulls up in front of her house.

Every morning, seven days a week, and often almost 365 days a year, in all kinds of weather, she follows the same routine. As you can imagine, that means words such as "weekend" and

"summer holidays" and "March breaks" are not part of her vocabulary. It's also easy to understand why, after 15 years, she's ready to devote herself to other pursuits and pastimes.

"It's one of those jobs you don't really expect to carry on for so long," she says. Her son Jim started it, then son Stephen took it over, but when the *Star* switched from afternoon to morning delivery, he needed Mom to help him out on the days he was at school. A year later, she was doing it on her own, with her husband Wentworth helping her pack the bags on Saturdays, the peak day in terms of the number of customers and the size of the paper (which she has to insert together). Then the *Star* added on its Sunday edition - which is more popular than the weekday papers - so she was working every day.

In the beginning, she didn't mind being tied to her route every day because her husband owned Wentworth Marina. In the summer, "he was busy seven days a week so I thought I might as well be, too." It became a bit more awkward in the winter when he had more time but her route just kept on ticking.

"Holidays have been scarce since we came into this country," she laughs.

If she wants to get away for a few days to visit family, she has to make sure her days are covered. Many times it's Wentworth who does the job, and she says "I could not have done this for so long if I didn't have him to back me up." Other friends help periodically, and she's indebted to them for giving her a bit of an escape over the years.

What drives her to be so reliable?



Neither rain nor
snow can keep Amy
Hogg, above, from
her route.
Retirement's
a different story

"I just felt it was my job and I was expected to do it. That and I don't like to admit defeat (because of the weather.) I feel I should try... Is there anything worse than a missed paper?"

The weather has got the better of her a few times, but fewer times than you would expect given the Highlands' terrain. "I've had a lot of white knuckles," she says, and she's learned to carry a shovel and a bag of sand in her car with her.

Asked what she'll miss the most about her job, she says it's "driving around in the fall when the colours turn. You see the change from one day to the next; it builds up to a real peak."

What will she miss the least? "Getting up in the morning, dragging those papers in and putting them in bags."

To take her mind off what she'll miss, however, she can concentrate on all the things she'll be able to do now that she doesn't have to work every morning. There are guilds to join, gardens to plant, relatives to visit, and roads to travel - without have to stop at each and every driveway along the way.

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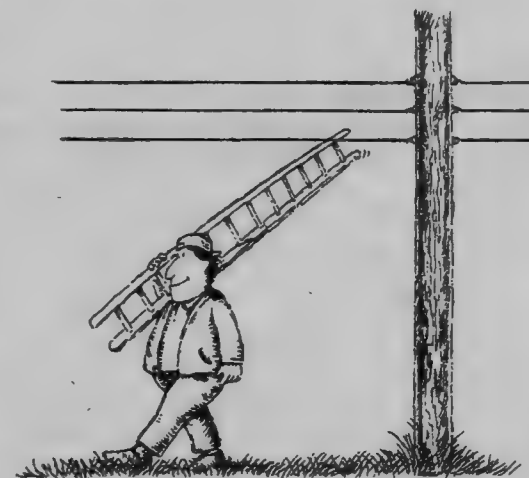


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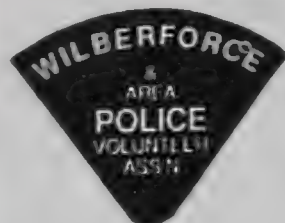
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Seniors bid farewell to June with annual strawberry tea and welcome July with music

Hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend. There was certainly lots going on in the area.

We had a fun time at our Happy Hour on June 27 with the grandfathers.

On Saturday we really enjoyed the annual strawberry tea put on by the Ladies Auxiliary. Thanks to Dollo's IGA who donated the strawberries and Kawartha Dairy who donated the cream and a big thank you to the ladies auxiliary for all their work in hosting this event.

The weekend here was very busy with lots of people coming and going, despite the heat. However we are remaining quite comfortable here with lots of fans keeping us cool.

On Sunday, June 29, Lola Prentice, Nina Prentice and Murial Harrison attended the Prentice reunion held at the cottage of Cliff Prentice (third generation) on Horseshoe Lake. Many relatives attended and the ladies had fun talking over old times.

The following day, a

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full bus left here for a visit to Mr. D's where we enjoyed coffee and doughnuts.

For Canada Day, a bus trip had been planned for us to join in the celebrations in Minden. However, due to the high temperature and humidity, the trip was cancelled.

But we did appreciate the lovely music which we were able to hear at our home which came from downtown. Also our thanks to Gord Kidd and his group for the great music every Friday evening by the river. We are also able to hear you from our home.

A warm welcome back to Lucille Clark who has returned from her stay in the hospital, and is steadily improving. We have also learned that Robbie Young is out of intensive care and is coming along fine.

A big thank you to

Dick and Sylvia Thompson for their many hours spent improving the palliative care room with its new decor.

The room is lovely and cheerful. This afternoon, July 2, we took a "countryside drive" and stopped for our ice cream on the way home.

Our weekly tea party was served by the ladies of St. Peter's of Maple Lake.

We miss Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt at our chapel and also at the Grandfather's social evenings. We understand Ruby Schmidt has been hospitalized. Our thoughts are with you both.

Recently a small retirement party was held here for Dr. Morris Smith. Dr. Smith played a big part in the establishment of the palliative care program here. A big thank you to Dr. Smith for all the help you have given.

Guess that's all the news this week. Keep smiling and remember. "If you think you're too small to be effective, you've never been in bed with a mosquito."

The MNR shares advice about dealing with bears

This fact sheet provides advice from the Ministry of Natural Resources for cottagers and home owners who may find bears attracted to their property.

A black bear prefers berries, grubs, roots, leaves or carrion found in its natural habitat. This year the late spring delayed the berry crop and other succulent food sources for bears. So bears are attempting to fill that gap with easier food sources, namely human food, compost and garbage.

A bear has a very keen sense of smell. It can detect food from great distances. To prevent a visit from a bear, the best thing to do is remove food attractants from your property. This includes regularly disposing garbage and compost, and in some cases stopping composting.

Keep barbecues and picnic tables clean, wait until late fall to fill the birdfeeder, remove a hummingbird feeder if it becomes an attractant, and keeping pet food inside the house.

If there are no attractants, there is no reason for a bear to visit your property, but if one is spotted on your property, give it time to move on, then remove the attractant.

NEVER feed bears. This could make it aggressive and it might have to be destroyed. The black bear

can remember food locations and can become accustomed to artificial sources which may increase confrontation and aggression among bears competing for these food sources.

Live trapping and removal is a last resort, but it's hard on bears who are removed to strange terrain where they often face hardship. And there is no guarantee that the offending bear will be caught.

Trying to live trap a sow with cubs is dangerous. The inexperienced cub often

gets caught in the trap creating a temporarily dangerous situation for anyone who comes between a trapped cub and its mother. It also creates a hardship because it will be very difficult to trap the mother as well and relocate the family as a unit.

Just seeing a bear is not cause to call the ministry office or the local police. If there is nothing to encourage the bear to stay, it will likely move along and not return. MNR's advice is to avoid unwanted encounters with bears.

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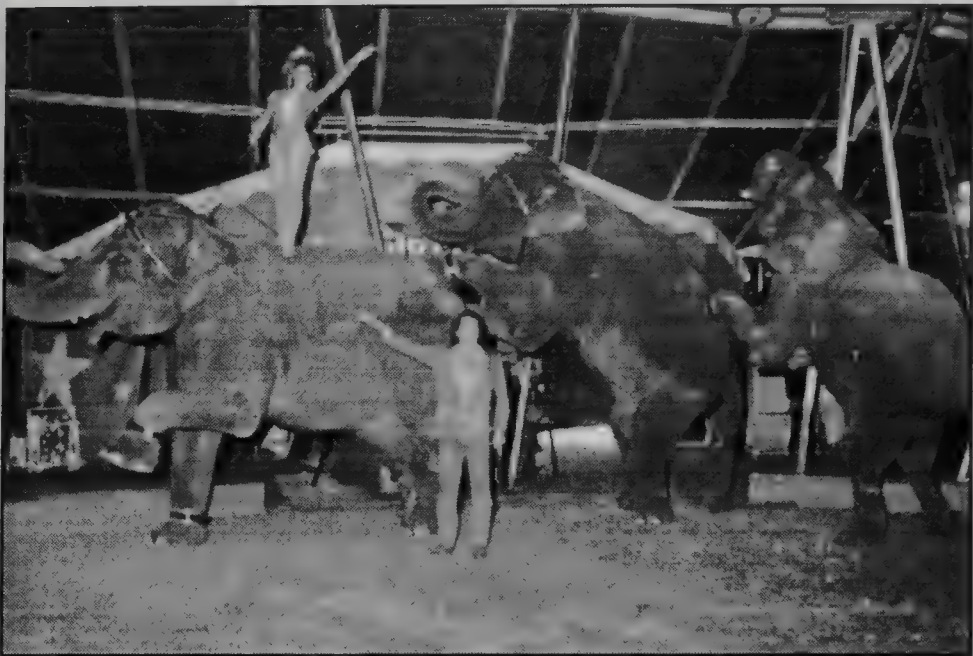
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The circus comes to Stanhope Township



STARS OF THE SHOW: The elephants are always popular at the Kelly-Miller Circus in Stanhope. The firefighters have invited the circus back for two shows July 29 only.

From the newly designated Italian Circus tent to the lighting and acts, the 1997 Stanhope edition of the Kelly-Miller Circus should prove to be one of the best ever!

Feature acts this year include the Perez Family from Mexico. Now, with the additional height of the new tent, the Kelly-Miller Circus is able to present the always popular and ever dangerous Flying Trapeze.

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Advance tickets are \$8 for Adults and \$5 for children under 12. The Circus will be held on Tuesday, July 29, 1997 with two shows at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. and will be located at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre under the sponsorship of the Stanhope Township volunteer firefighters.

See you at the Circus!

Loucks reunion draws family from across Canada and U.S.

Remembrance of women's crafts and leadership over five generations was the focus of the sixth triennial reunion of Minden area Loucks families from June 27 to 29. The reunion, held at sites in Lochlin, Ingoldsby and Canning Lake, drew more than 100 participants from across Canada and the nearby U.S. states.

Barbara (Loucks) Godberson of Fort Street in John, B.C. presented her research on the 1880's education of Hannah Marie (Vincent) Loucks and her mother Elizabeth Ann Boney, born in England in 1844, and a new arrival in Ingoldsby in 1872.

Other genealogical displays at the reunion traced the arrival of five Loucks brothers, two sisters and

their parents to the Snowdon side of the Bobcaygeon Road in 1858-59. The adult men apparently worked on construction of the road and later in logging camps in Lutterworth and Laxton Townships.

When the Ontario legislature approved the free grants of land in Minden Township in 1867, three of the brothers and a married sister (Mrs. Frank Wilson) took up land on the north side of Canning Lake, later combined to make up the farm operated for many years by Vinton and Emily Loucks.

Morgan Loucks, 91, was the oldest participant at the reunion, and twins, Evan and Mitchell Smith of Newmarket, 9 months, were the youngest.

June 27 was also the

occasion of Morgan and Harriet Loucks' 67th wedding Anniversary.

The presence of four sets of twins was a further highlight, including Foster Loucks (of Ingoldsby) and his sister Phyllis of Echo Bay, and sisters Judy Little and Janet Little of Donnelly of Minden and Lochlin. The displays of crafts included quilts (by Madeline Loucks Wagg of Sudbury), needlepoint and crochet work (by Harriet Ball Loucks of Canning Lake), paintings by the late Emily Hunter Loucks, and a 50-page cookbook made up of recipes passed along through the generations, compiled and edited by Camille Loucks of Toronto. Dennis Loucks of Sarnia headed the organizing committee for the three-day event.



COOPER GRADUATION:

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Minden proposes change to waterfront setbacks

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Anson, Hindon and Minden council's meeting on June 26.

The municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden wants people building new waterfront homes and cottages to set them back farther from the water to better protect the lakes.

Currently, the municipality's zoning bylaw requires that buildings be constructed 20 metres from the high water mark.

But under a zoning amendment being considered by council, the setback would be increased by 10 metres to 30 metres on all bodies of water.

Planning administrator Sherry Rea said the proposed amendment is a "housekeeping item," rather than a shift in policy for the municipality.

The Ministry of Natural Resources requires a 30-metre setback on cold water trout lakes.

Presently, Minden follows that policy on new severances. "This simply puts the municipality's zoning bylaw in line with policies of the MNR," said Rea.

She said the municipality notified area lake associations of the proposed change and received no opposition.

However, at a recent public meeting the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association argued the increased setback could hamper development.

Association president Gary Burch said it is the installation of the septic system, not the location of the home or cottage, that causes environmental problems.

The municipality of Dysart requires a 30-metre setback on cold water lakes.

Council is also planning other changes to its zoning bylaw, including an amendment that would more clearly define conditions for people to follow when operating businesses from their homes.

The amendment would also introduce provisions for "home industry" businesses in rural zones.

Compared to home occupations, home industries would allow the property owner to use more space within the dwelling for business purposes, as well as larger signs.

However, in both cases, the principal use of building must remain as a residence.

Reeve Jeanne Anthon said the municipality is hoping to foster the growth of home-based businesses and doesn't plan to bring in charges or licensing fees.

Council was scheduled to adopt the general zoning amendments at its meeting on Thursday, but postponed the decision until it gets a clearer definition of water bodies from the MNR.

Good books

The municipality's finances are in good order with healthy reserves and a decline in outstanding taxes, auditor Gary Thurston told councillors.

The number of property owners whose taxes are in arrears is the lowest it's been since 1990, he said.

In 1996, the municipality's tax arrears dropped to 16.4 per cent, about two per cent higher than they were in 1990.

And while he was enthused by Minden's improved tax picture, Thurston said there is still room for even better numbers.

"If we could shoot for about 13 per cent, I think the Ministry would be very happy with that."

Last year the municipality experienced a slight increase in its residential property tax assessment base, but saw a small drop in commercial/industrial assessment.

Because of its healthy reserves, the municipality was able to realize savings by borrowing against itself, instead of paying higher bank interest rates, to carry out a number of capital projects, said Thurston.

He suggested that council may be able to save even more money by using a portion of its reserves in certain departments to pay down long-term debentures. At this point the reserves are earning very low interest rates while the debentures carry high interest charges.

Councillors agreed they should at least examine the proposal further with staff and do some number crunching before making a decision.

Dialing for dollars

Council supported the City of North York which is fighting the provincial government's plan to collect millions of dollars Bell Canada pays municipalities for the use of their easements.

Rather than paying property taxes, Bell has paid municipalities five per cent of its gross receipts for the use of municipal rights-of-way.

But in its plan to download costs and services to municipalities, the province intends to scoop up the gross receipts tax paid out by Bell.

North York, which stands to lose \$10-million per year, is rallying support across the province to oppose the move.

Minden clerk-treasurer Tammy McKelvey said the municipality receive more than \$100,000 a year from Bell for the use of its easements. The municipality keeps a portion of the money and passes on the remainder to the county and the school board.

County council and Stanhope previously passed resolutions in support of North York.



GRADUATION

Eliza Christine, daughter of Janet and Charles O'Neil, has earned a degree in Honours Business Administration from the Richard Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario. She previously earned a B.A. in Administrative and Commercial Studies. Eliza has accepted a position of business analyst with A.T. Kearney Management Consultants in Toronto.

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Tips to help your pets enjoy the summer

by JOAN GRANT, DVM
Haliburton Highlands

In spite of the bugs, summer is a wonderful time of year, when most of us can enjoy more outdoor activities with our pets.

However, every summer veterinary problems crop up over and over again, many of which can be prevented. Here are some of the summertime problems we see in dogs and cats.

HEAT EXHAUSTION:

Travelling with pets in vehicles should not pose any health risks providing people use some common sense. Having said that, it is important to realize that

certain animals are at greater risk. Older pets, especially those with heart/lung/kidney diseases, and overweight or long-haired pets cannot tolerate the heat or a lack of water. Also, dogs that are tied up outside must have access to shade and water — sounds pretty basic, doesn't it? You would be amazed at the number of dogs that lack even these simple requirements.

"SWIMMING DOG" PROBLEMS:

Ear and skin infections, itchiness, and "hot spots" are common problems for dogs that swim a lot, especially golden and Labrador retrievers. To reduce these

problems, without depriving your dog of the joy of swimming, keep long hair trimmed, dry hair thoroughly with a hair blower and products such as ear drops are helpful. Contact your veterinarian for more details.

POISONINGS:

Use extreme caution with Warfarin and other rat or mouse poisons. Cats and dogs like to eat them and the result can be fatal.

WILD CRITTERS:

Keep your dog inside or on a leash from dusk through dawn to safeguard it from a run-in with small animals such as porcupines, skunks or raccoons.

PARASITES:

Most parasites, from fleas and ticks to intestinal worm larvae in soil, thrive in the summer heat, so dogs and cats have increased exposure to them. Contact your veterinarian to control them.

ROAD INJURIES:

Pets tend to roam more in the nice weather — this, along with the increased summer traffic, leads to more accidents.

BITING BUGS:

Mosquitoes are the most obvious at this time of year. They prefer sparsely haired regions including the belly, head and legs, and besides

causing discomfort they can also transmit heartworm. Deer flies are especially irritating to dogs and like to bite their ear flaps. A host of other biting or stinging pests can torment our pets, and we often can't see the little blighters, but notice their after-effects, usually most commonly swollen, puffy faces. Cold compresses work wonders, but occasionally anti-histamines or other medications are required.

BLOAT:

This horrible and all-too-often fatal condition typically occurs in the larger, deep-chested breeds, most often in the

summer. There are many factors involved, but essentially the heat causes dogs to pant more (and presumably swallow some air) and drink more. This is often combined with these susceptible dogs eating a meal of kibble, shortly before or after exercise, resulting in severe discomfort as the stomach fills with gas. This condition requires immediate veterinary attention.

Fortunately, most of the above mentioned pet problems are avoidable and with some common sense and knowledge on the part of owners, pets can enjoy a comfortable summer in safety.

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Canada Day West Guilford style with food, flags and fireworks

Jim Milne attended the graduation of his youngest son, Bruce, from the chemical engineering technology course at Loyalist College.

Carl and Lois Dugan attended the Loucks family reunion on Sunday, June 29.

Congratulations to Roger and Brenda (Stamp) Bain on their 25th anniversary which was celebrated at the centre on Saturday, June 28.

June 29 was Decoration Day at the Maple Lake United Church cemetery. The day was fine so the service was conducted out of doors. Rev. Peter Walford-Davis' talk was appropriate; the topic was another outdoors church meeting which

WEST GUILFORD

News

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Peter had conducted in 1976 in the Renfrew area.

From Lottie Ruttan the news is that her son, Richard Edwards is now a resident in Hyland Crest.

Harold Beatty is home after a few days in hospital.

Canada Day! The day was a tremendous success thanks to the hard-working committee, the head of which was Cheryl Cooper. Miss Canada was Cailey Sisson, daughter of Blake

and Delaine Sisson. Mr. Canada was Shea Horning, son of Monica and Bryan Horning. Perry Morrison is to be congratulated on becoming 1997's Citizen of the Year. Flag-raising, food, music, games and prizes were just part of the fun.

Many thanks to Eva and Marian Markowski of Rachel's Bakery for donating the huge cake cut into generous slices of carrot, lemon or chocolate variety!

I can't begin to list who won what, but nail-driving, log-sawing, and horseshoes were greatly enjoyed by all. Fireworks ended the day in a shower of colourful sparks. Come next year and join us!



LYNCH GRADUATION:

Erin Lynch, daughter of Sharon Lynch from Haliburton Lake, graduated in June from Ryerson Polytechnic University with her Bachelor Degree of Applied Arts in Journalism. Erin plans to travel throughout India for six months beginning this fall before settling down to freelance magazine writing. Congratulations, Erin, after four years of hard work!

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Pot luck planned for Brohm reunion in August

Art Luff recently won \$1,325 in the Legion draw.

Norma Suggitt and family enjoyed some time together when other family members took her to the hunting camp at Lake St. Peter for a weekend. Her family is Murray, Mary and Irene and granddaughter, Erin. Ruth's daughter planned the trip to celebrate Murray's birthday.

Bonnie DeCarlo enjoyed a special birthday recently which was planned by her daughter Jenna.

The 15th annual Brohm reunion will again be at Balsam Lake Provincial Park this year on Saturday, August 16 from 3 to 7 p.m. Refreshments are provided and bring food for a pot luck meal.

COBOCONK

News

Sheila Lake
454-2314

Faith Tabernacle was happy to see three pews of young people from the Alliance Church in Ajax on Sunday, June 22. The young folks and their chaperones were camping in the area.

On a recent trip to Haliburton, a friend and I drove into Ingoldsby and stopped at the Kash Landing Cafe for coffee. This is a charming spot with great food and is operated by friendly folks. The cafe is open at 10 a.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. on Sunday and is closed on Monday. You won't be disappointed if you drop in.

Dave and Fay Orr of Baddow, hosted a Fish Fry at their home on Friday, June 20 for the folks from Faith Tabernacle.

Sympathy goes out to the family of the late Theodore Cragg, who built a house and lived just west of the Ontario Provincial Police station here for many years. Theo passed away on June 13.

Sympathy to daughter Joan and family, in the passing of her mother May Betts, on June 10. Mrs. Betts used to live on North Water Street in a house owned by her mother, Mrs. Tavener.

Sympathy also goes out to the family of the late Violet Baker who lived in Rosedale for most of her life. She passed away on June 9. Her son, Reg Baker, and

family lived here for years.

Another former Coboconk neighbour Marjorie "Nettie" Cormier passed away on the weekend in Lindsay. The funeral will be held on June 24. Sympathy goes out to her relatives and her sister, Nora Toole, who lives on Elizabeth Street.

Something I forgot to mention earlier: Gord and Doreen West had a super holiday in Tunisia, and travelled to the Sahara Desert and other points of interest on the other side of the world.

Lloyd Brohm was home for a few days when he became ill again and had to return to Ross Memorial hospital. Get well soon, Lloyd!

The heavy rain of the

past week was welcomed by farmers and gardeners alike.

Jim Hopkins, retired school teacher and full time farmer, suffered a number of broken bones last week when he fell off a truck platform. He has been recuperating at Ross Memorial Hospital. Jim is always safety conscious and the fall was truly an accident, not one caused by carelessness. Hope you make a fast recovery Jim!

The big attraction at the barn is the cats and kittens, although the foxes are still skulking around. Again this summer, the adult foxes lay out in the sun on top of the crushed pile of stone near our son and family's cottage.

The open air Sunday

night drive in church at the I.G.A. parking lot during July and August, began the first Sunday night in July with music supplied by Fran Matthews and Arthur Barrett. Music for the second Sunday night in Jul will be provided by Heather McCaulah. It all begins at 7 p.m.

The Jailhouse Craft Shop opened on June 28 and is operated by the Seniors.

Happy seniors' birthdays to Vic Jones, Lorne Beechener, Art Cousins, Marian Sim, May Clark, Bruce MacArthur, Hazel Young and Ray LaMarche.

The Godwin brothers, Earl, Chester and Doug of Burnt River, recently celebrated Earl and Chester's Birthday.

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Eagle Lake is preoccupied with civic addresses and rhubarb pies

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Canada Day! I hung up by flag and celebrated it with awareness but quietly, after my own fashion. We as a nation are not given to emotional exhibition as our neighbours to the south, but by gum you don't scratch us too deeply to find a proud Canadian in there only too happy to be a part of this great country.

The promised civic numbering of Eagle Lake has been done, thanks to Andy Paul, the county van and equipment, Marie Wallace, Gord Pierson, Wally Tait and myself.

This is the first instance of county and neighbourhood co-operating on this project and certainly simplifies the job.

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RHUBARB PATCH

News

Ruth Still

457-2602

County Road 6 from Guilford to Eagle Lake, Sir Sams and Parsons Road, through roads up on the ridge to Boshkung, as well as Glen and Moose Lakes are all done.

Small side roads, especially those without names are the responsibility of their residents.

At the Rhubarb Festival on July 19, there will be a kiosk open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. where you can get your house number and learn details of putting these up.

There will be no baking contest this year due to lack of interest and preoccupation with the numbering.

The measurement of the longest rhubarb stalk at 4 p.m. is still scheduled, and entries should be brought to the pie sale table in the morning.

Playground equipment is

here and awaits volunteer labour for placing and construction.

Do small youngsters still aspire to being a firefighters. If so, among other attractions at the Rhubarb Festival, will be a fire truck for that hands-on experience.

Elsewhere in the paper are ads for the July 19, Rhubarb Festival. Come and enjoy.

Staying with me at the moment are two 15-year-old girls – one Quebec French, the other Ontario English. They say they've enjoyed learning about the other province's history, tradition and culture. But I suspect that the bonhomie established between them is of most value.

This rainy weather they are creating a mural of surprising artistic merit on my kitchen door to commemorate a unique visit and relationship.

Today is a wet and chilly 11° and my first paragraph seems a lovely mirage. But this is Canadian weather! No wonder it prefaces all our conversations.

Historic Outpost Museum a fitting venue for Canada Day

Canada Day was celebrated under clear, sunny skies by local citizens and summer visitors on the grounds of the Historic Outpost Museum. Led by The Gentlemen of Song, everyone joined heartily in the singing of O Canada and God Save The Queen, followed by the raising of a new flag by Pat Gallen supported by a number of members of Legion Branch 624.

After entertainment by the "Gentlemen", which included "This Land Is Your Land", everyone enjoyed sandwiches, and some 130th Canada Birthday Cake. For the second year a number of people stayed for pleasant boat rides on Dark Lake. Thanks to Ernie and Elaine Tallman for donating their pontoon boat and their time to provide this opportunity to see the village from the lake. Ken Sanderson did a great job of signing up riders and getting everyone aboard.

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild appreciates how much everyone contributes, from sandwiches to cake to music, to make this a pleasant small town celebration of how much we care about our country.

A marriage of two local people took place a few weeks ago. Sherri Donaldson and Shannon Deterling were wed in Bancroft. A fine, well-

WILBERFORCE

News

Hilda Clark

attended reception followed at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Sherri is the daughter of Debbie and Larry Donaldson; Shirley and Jim Deterling are the parents of Shannon. We wish the young couple much happiness as they begin their married life in Cambridge, Ontario.

The Loope Troupe has chosen a play which will be staged in the late autumn. A comedy, "Backwoods Romeo", has a large cast and includes a number of young people. Think about joining the troupe and trying out your acting skills. It can be fun.

Swimming lessons are once again being given at Wilbermere Lake at the township dock. Instructors are Teralyn Stamp and Meaghan Agnew. The youngsters are having a good time and learning an important skill. Thanks to Monmouth Township for making this program available each July and keeping the fees at a reasonable rate.

The students at the Outpost Historic House are Tracey Nottage and Cindy Vaughan. These two able, friendly guides are

ready and willing to show you around the building and explain its history daily throughout July and August between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. They are also working on compiling a more detailed table of contents and an index of names for "Collected Views Of The Past" — Monmouth Township 1881-1891. This book, produced for Monmouth's Centennial in 1981, contains a wealth of information about the history of our area. The new index will be available at cost and will be most helpful to anyone trying to locate a name in the book.

A very close call came from Dave Fideau, arena manager and several volunteer firemen on Saturday, June 28. While working on some machinery, something happened to a valve and ammonia began escaping. Dave was able to get out and get help. Firemen in proper gear tried to correct the problem. All were eventually taken to Haliburton Hospital to have their respiratory systems checked. The arena remained closed for a week and activities such as roller skating was canceled. Everything has been fixed, and the arena and local organizers are busy preparing for Country Good Times. Is your entry for the parade ready?

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